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- •What is the MMU?
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Session Objectives

Participants will learn:

- 1. MMU key roles within the province of BC;
- 2. Four levels of clinical capability within the MMU;
- 3. Clinical and facility considerations for integrating a mobile health facility into a hospital or health centre; and
- How a mobile health facility can increase clinical response capacity during planned or unplanned events.



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What is the MMU?

- A- Hospital trailer
- B- Support trailer
- C- Dually truck
- D- O₂ concentrator
- E- Inflatable tent (2)
- F- 100-person tent G- Ramp canopy



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MMU Hospital Trailer – Primary Care Area



•Flexible space ■Up to 6-10 bays for patient care •4 high-acuity monitored bays

MMU Hospital Trailer – Primary Care Area



MMU Hospital Trailer - Multi-purpose room

Positive pressure HEPA filtered room is a flexible space that can be used as:

- Operating room (emergency life-saving surgery);
- Minor procedures;
- private examination space; semi-isolated additional clinical area;
- ·Administration; or
- •Storage or respite.



MMU Hospital Trailer - Multi-purpose room



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Background 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Games

Critical Care & Emergency Surgical Capability

Provision of patient care

→43 patients, 13 BCAS transfers

•Olympic/Paralympic Medical Volunteers participated in daily exercise/simulation in the MMU.







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Background - Legacy to the Province Provincial Resource

- → BC Ministry of Health purchased the Mobile Medical Unit and requested PHSA to:
 - own and operate;
 - protect and maintain; and
 - work with the six Health Authorities in developing a provincial service to expand upon provincial clinical response capacity.
- → Each of the six Health Authorities share equal operational costs









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Clinical Expertise

The MMU clinical team is derived of trauma-focused clinical educators who bring expertise in:

- Pre-hospital care
- Surgery
- Air medical transport
- Disaster medicine
- Perioperative care
 Emergency medicine
- HazMat
- Anesthesiology
- Search & rescue
- Intensive care
- Mass gathering medicine
 Trauma
 Burns & plastics
 And more...

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Roles of the MMU













Clinical Capability - Four Levels

The MMU offers a range of clinical capability, depending on requirements:

Level 1 – Public health, outpatient clinic, & first-aid care
Level 2 – Minor illinijured (CTAS 4-5)
Level 3 – Chilcia or Emergency Care (CTAS 1-5)
Level 4 – Surgical intervention/life saving emergency procedures, & CTAS 1-5







Outpatient clinic

Emergency Care

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BMX Supercross World Cup September 12-16, 2012

Overview

•Level of care: First aid through emergency critical care (MMU Level 1-3)

•High-profile international sporting event, Abbotsford BMX Park

•Collaboration with BC Ambulance, UBC Mass Gathering Medicine Interest Group, UCI BMX



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BMX Supercross World Cup

•Past event injury statistics

- → Mechanisms of injury
- → level of care to be provided
- \rightarrow Patient flow plan
- ·Clinical staffing model (NOT health authority based)
- Development of specialized clinical education
- → Trauma team training

 •Point of care testing & diagnostic imaging
- Patient treat or transfer protocols, including site helicopter pad







BMX Supercross World Cup

 Staggered side-by-side configuration in fenced area
 Packed gravel surface
 Use of inflatable tents for minor first-aid level care Incorporation of BCAS Special Ops team vehicles & equipment (bicycles, gators, multiple ambulances, command unit, etc.)







Exercise Magnitude 2012 October 18-21, 2012

•Federal earthquake exercise

•Tested high level of interoperability of municipal, provincial, & federal agencies

→ including heavy urban search and rescue teams from across Canada)

•MMU positioned at HUSAR Base

•Intensive disaster medicine simulation education program delivered (two sessions at eight hrs)



Exercise Magnitude 2012

Clinical Considerations

•Interdisciplinary trauma and MCI education
•Full spectrum of MMU care (through emergency surgery)

→ Equipment & supplies required for support Education program design, recruitment, & administration
 →Clinical team composition

•MCI triage Chain of evacuation (VGH)







Exercise Magnitude 2012

Facility Considerations

•Key learning from HUSAR:

•Ideal positioning within broader context of HUSAR base •End-to-end configuration •Use of inflatable tents for triage external to MMU

•Heavy rain during pack up

→Equipment storage considerations





Surrey Memorial Hospital - Disaster Recovery November 19-December 4, 2012

Overview

- •First emergency activation of the MMU
- •Severe flooding of SMH Emergency Department, leading to 10-day closure

•MMU served as part of temporary urgent care centre

→Saw approximately 10% of total patients

Rapid deployment of MMU

- →Official request 1300hrs
- →On-site 1900hrs
- →Set-up 2200hrs



Surrey Memorial Hospital - Flood Recovery

Clinical Considerations

•Determining equipment and supplies to pack

→ no pre-defined mission

- •PACS System & other IT set-up requirement
- ■Patient inclusion/exclusion criteria (& on-going amendments)
- •Staging and patient flow •Just-in-time staff education
 - → MMU Duty Officer at all times
- •Logistics of support services
- Critical MMU BC Ambulance Liaison support at all stages

•Media***





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Surrey Memorial Hospital - Flood Recovery

Facility Considerations

•Early contact with protection services

→ Recce visit •Maximum parking lot grade

•Ambulance access

- •Increased security requirements
- •Tents for patient privacy and weather protection
 •Generators for power (vs. shore power)
- •IT requirements & PACS set-up
- Ongoing support and trouble shooting
 → MMU Duty Officer at all times







Pemberton Health Centre Renovation March 21 - May 17, 2013



•Level of Care: Emergency (MMU Level 3)

■ED renovation

→complete relocation into the MMU for 8 wks

*Longest deployment to date Nearly 900 patient visits

*First childbirth to take place in the MMU (5 total)

→Rare at this particular site





Pemberton Health Centre Renovation

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Clinical Considerations

Expected injuries in the community

→rural, agricultural, mountainous (ski, mountain bike) →large First Nation population

Patient flow

•Diagnostic Accreditation Program (x-ray)

·Clinician education/team practice prior to care

Governance







Pemberton Health Centre Renovation

Facility Considerations

- Weatherproofing & site safety →Entrance ramp canopy →Underbelly heating
- Shore power
- Requirement for x-ray perimeter (per diagnostic accreditation)
 Ambulance access
- Community "path disruption"
- Black-water waste disposal
- Orientation & training for on-site Facility Manager
 Renovation schedule & firm departure date







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Summary

The MMU:

*Is a publicly funded emergency management & business continuity resource for the province of BC;

- •It has proven valuable as and adjunct to address gaps in trauma, emergency, and other areas of care;
- •Provides clinical education each time it is deployed; and
- Has been designed with an inherent flexibility, allowing for adjustments in level of care to meet changing needs of a given mission.

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Thank You!



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Supplemental Slides Medical Equipment – Stretchers & Beds Cot (first aid level care) Medical Equipment - Oxygen Portable oxygen generation system – 95% ${\rm O_2}$ Oxygen Redundancy:

*Low-flow portable oxygen concentrator Praxair Grab'n'Go

Medical Equipment – Suction





In-line suction

Portable suction

Provincial Health Services Authorit

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Medical Equipment – Adjuncts



Medical Equipment – Point of Care Lab Testing



Medical Equipment – Diagnostics







GE Portable X-ray

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Monitors



Four GE Dash 5000 monitors with Central Monitor station within the primary patient care area





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Waste Management



Vernacare system
For disposal of Vernacare products only

Please use the receptacles provided, as appropriate.

General waste & Recycling
The MMU strives to be as green as possible. There are multiple garbage and recycling bins located around the entire site. Please recycling where possible.

